

**ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015**

The Regular Meeting of the Enfield Town Council was called to order by Chairman Kaupin in the Council Chambers of the Enfield Town Hall, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, March 16, 2015. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRAYER – The Prayer was given by Councilor Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Troop 2000 from Hazardville led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL-CALL – Present were Councilors Arnone, Bosco, Cekala, Deni, Edgar, Hall, Kaupin, Lee, Mangini, Stokes and Szewczak. Councilor Bosco left at 8:45 p.m. Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Derrik Kennedy; Assistant Town Manager of Development Services, Courtney Hendricson; Town Clerk, Suzanne Olechnicki; Director of Public Works, Jonathan Bilmes; Town Engineer, John Cabibbo; Roads Engineer, Donald Nunes; Director of Social Services, Pamela Brown; Director of Finance, Lynn Nenni; EMS Captain, Erin Maloney

FIRE EVACUATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Kaupin made the fire evacuation announcement.

MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS

MOTION #3062 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Deni to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2015 Special Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3062** adopted 11-0-0.

MOTION #3063 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Mangini to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3063** adopted 11-0-0.

SPECIAL GUESTS

COMMISSION ON AGING, SENIOR HOME REPAIR

Present for this item were David Goyette and Anthony Messina.

Mr. Goyette gave a brief history of the Senior Home Repair Program. He noted to date, they've done over 200 jobs in Enfield. He stated they do have volunteers performing these tasks. The volunteers travel in two's to job sites, and they have proper identification. He noted all volunteers have to undergo a background check.

Mr. Messina explained how the program works. He noted the minor repair request forms can be found at the Enfield Senior Center. He stated jobs will be declined if the work has to be done by a licensed professional, if a permit is required, or if it's a safety risk to volunteers. He noted to date, they haven't had to fill out any accident reports. He stated they provide training on an as needed basis, and all volunteers need to demonstrate they are able to use tools.

Mr. Goyette stated when jobs are completed, they get feedback to see if people are happy with the program. He noted people are happy with the program.

Councilor Mangini thanked Messrs. Goyette and Messina for their good work.

Councilor Bosco questioned whether people are called ahead before the volunteers arrive for safety purposes, and Mr. Messina responded they do call ahead. Councilor Bosco advised homeowners to be cautious as to whom they open their doors for.

Councilor Hall questioned whether local businesses have donated materials for this program. Mr. Goyette stated they haven't solicited businesses.

Councilor Hall questioned whether they'd be able to use material if local businesses donated it, and Mr. Goyette responded yes.

Mr. Messina stated interested volunteers may contact the senior center. He noted currently they have six volunteers.

Councilor Arnone stated this is a great program that came out of the Commission on Aging. He stated his hope the Town Council can look at this during budget time.

Picture Enfield

Present for this item were Tom Kienzler and Kassie Huhtanen.

Mr. Kienzler stated Picture Enfield is comprised of a group of amateur photographers who take pictures throughout Enfield.

Ms. Huhtanen stated they will be having a photo exhibit on Friday, April 10th from 7 pm to 9 pm at the Senior Center, and there will be live music and refreshments. She stated the proceeds will be going directly to the senior center to help them fund their programs.

Mr. Kienzler stated after the April 10th event, they would like to come back and make a presentation to the Council. He noted people can submit their Enfield pictures to the Picture Enfield Facebook page.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS & PETITIONS

Melissa Wondoloski, 29 Burnham Street

Stated she has been trying to cut back on water usage in her home. She believes the water usage bill penalizes families. She noted out of 50 people she's spoken to regarding their bills, only eight people felt their sewer bills were reasonable in the range of \$50.00 per quarter. She stated the 42 other people felt their bills were too high, which were in the range of \$150.00 per quarter, and it appears to go higher in the summer season. She noted those people who felt they were being charged too much were all families, and the eight that paid less were families of two people. She requested the Town re-evaluate the billing system and reconsider the 20,000 gallon price change level, or reconsider charging just a flat rate and not going from the \$3.39 to the \$5.08. She feels this difference is what is driving the family sewer bill higher and making it so the sewer bills are actually higher than water bills.

Ms. Wondoloski stated on December 2nd, Councilor Arnone stated the mill rate was lowered to make up for the fee people would be paying. She noted the mill rate dropped from 29.260 to 29.130, and this resulted in a \$3.27 saving for her. She stated this doesn't help much considering she now pays about \$700 per year in sewer tax and perhaps more depending on the summer cycle. She noted she did check her entire house for leaks, and her family has cut back as much as possible. She stated in speaking with other families, she finds she's in line with their sewer bills, therefore, it's not just her household.

Ms. Wondoloski stated she did a lot of research on the sewer rates in Connecticut and found about half the towns in Connecticut charge a flat rate and the other half have a system similar to Enfield's. She noted surrounding towns pay less. She stated East Windsor, Somers and Suffield all pay a flat rate of lower than \$300 per year. She noted Windsor Locks charges per thousand gallons as Enfield does, but with a non-variable rate.

She questioned whether the prisons use Enfield's water system, and are they exempt from paying. She noted with the prisons and businesses in Enfield, she would assume they'd be able to raise the money needed for the plant relatively quickly so it doesn't have to be put on the backs of the families of Enfield.

She questioned whether other towns use Enfield's facility.

She noted this plant was last upgraded in 1972. She questioned why Enfield didn't have the foresight to realize this was coming and start a sewer fee earlier and be able to charge a lower amount while saving to fix the problems.

Ms. Wondoloski stated Enfield is not making itself welcoming to new families.

Michael Degiule, 3 Edmund Lane

Stated he was not happy to hear that Edmund Lane has been put off for road work until 2018. He spoke about the deterioration of these roads and urged the Town to reconsider Edmund Lane and surrounding streets.

Mr. Coppler invited Mr. Degiule to call his office tomorrow so they can discuss this further.

Christine Norman, 6 Sky Street

Thanked the Town for fixing the water problem in front of her home. She noted the Hinckley Construction Company did a great job, and she has not had to use her pump at all.

Jack Sheridan, 7 Buchanan Road

Stated he doesn't believe the Town can afford School Security Officers. He noted Enfield has many home foreclosures and people are leaving town. He stated if the Town isn't careful, they will have the best schools around, but no people.

Mr. Sheridan stated Sandy Hook doesn't have guards, but rather policemen.

He stated if people want children completely safe, they can keep them home and use technology for teaching.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATONS & PETITIONS

Councilor Arnone requested the Town Manager provide information which shows where Enfield stands in the sewer rate assessment compared to other towns. He stated his belief Enfield's rates are probably one of the lower rates in the state, and he feels the rate is family friendly. He pointed out Windsor Locks is higher, and everyone is up around \$7.00 to \$8.00 per gallon. He went on to note Enfield has around \$30 million dollars worth of upgrades to do, and they're trying to do this in a reasonable way.

Councilor Arnone commended the good driving of police officers as they navigate traffic at intersections while en route to emergencies.

Councilor Deni asked everyone to be patient regarding the Town addressing potholes. He advised people to report bad pothole situations to the Town.

Councilor Deni stated there will be a Fermi High School baseball pasta dinner fundraiser at Mt. Carmel on April 2nd from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Councilor Mangini commended the Enfield Police Department for their recent big drug arrest.

Councilor Mangini stated there will be an Invention Convention event at Fermi High School on Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m.

Councilor Bosco requested a Mullen Road update. He went on to note that Weymouth School Road is in bad shape. He questioned how the new pothole machine is working.

Councilor Szewczak stated as she starting getting sewer use bills, it became evident to her that the burden is being transferred to families. She questioned whether there are a lot of people paying in the \$700/year range.

Councilor Hall stated she also would like to know how many people are paying high rates for sewer use.

Councilor Hall stated a tree cutting company is leaving piles of debris after they finish their work. She requested the Town Manager look into this.

Councilor Hall referred to potholes and noted Abbe Road on both ends needs immediate attention, as well as at the crest of Powder Hill Road.

Councilor Lee congratulated the Enfield Dolphins swim team for finishing their year undefeated and their domination of the Central Connecticut swim league. He also congratulated Buzz Robotics for finishing fourth place at the very first Pioneer Valley competition, and they received a special award for industrial design.

Councilor Lee stated there were several See-Click-Fixes today from the lakes area concerning potholes. He questioned when people can expect to see permanent patches put down.

MOTION #3064 by Councilor Lee, seconded by Councilor Mangini to suspend the rules to address under Miscellaneous Items 14 A1, A2, E, F, G, H and I.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3064** adopted 11-0-0.

Chairman Kaupin stated 95 children recently received their First Reader's recognition. He noted the children received a T-shirt and medal.

Chairman Kaupin stated it's anticipated that 160 students will be participating in the upcoming Invention Convention event.

He stated the Scantic Spring Splash is scheduled for March 28th, depending on weather conditions. He noted if the event is postponed, it will be scheduled for May 2nd.

Chairman Kaupin stated there will be an Enfield Easter Egg Hunt on the Town Green on April 4th at 11:00 a.m.

He requested the Town Manager provide an update on the Adult Day Center lease.

Chairman Kaupin stated he received a letter from a concerned Broad Brook Road property owner concerning proposed rumble strips on Broad Brook Road. He noted this letter addresses a lot of concerns about having rumble strips put on state roads in residential neighborhoods. He stated there's legislation at the state level that would mandate this on state roads.

He questioned what's the best way for people to notify Town staff about potholes and also receive a response that the issue will be addressed. He cautioned people to drive slow to avoid potholes, and if damage is done to a vehicle, a person can file a claim against the Town of Enfield. He noted it will have to be proved that the Town was negligent.

Chairman Kaupin referred to Ms. Wondoloski's concerns about her sewer usage and stated his belief there could be an underlying issue since her number seems unusually high for a regular family. He suggested she talk with Derrik Kennedy, the Assistant Town Manager concerning this issue.

He then referred to Mr. Sheridan's comment about the SSO's and Newtown and noted the Town Council received an email from the Chief of Police in Newtown and it clearly specified the program that Newtown has in their schools, and it's the Enfield's program with School Security Officers and not police officers.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT & COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Coppler referred to the Adult Day Center lease and noted they received a new proposal from the Enfield Housing Authority regarding how to deal with the long-term improvements that need to be made. He stated the issues that persist have to do with how much money should be set aside long term for the capital improvements for the Adult Day Center. He noted originally, the Town and Enfield Housing Authority partnered on an architect to provide a listing of all the improvements. He stated there are a lot of different issues that have been brought up, and this will take more review. He noted a lot of the things that need to be done long term will be included in the facility plan which will hopefully go to referendum this year, as well as the energy performance plan being put together.

Presentation of the Town Manager's 2015/2016 Budget

Mr. Coppler reviewed the Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Town Budget.

He reviewed factors influencing the FY 2016 budget such as:

Employee health insurance benefits – currently, employee health care insurance premiums are projected to increase by approximately 15%, which equates to \$850,000. He noted it's hoped that will come down.

Employee wage increases – contractual and annual wage increases for Fiscal Year 2016 represent at 7.5% increase. He explained a lot of the contracts were settled after the last budget was adopted, and this is catching up to a few years' increases.

Spiking of debt service costs – He noted they're starting the curve where they're going up independent of any of the new debt they will be taking on, and they'll be going up about a million to a million and a half. He noted that starts this year and will continue for the next three years before it starts going down again.

Pension increases – due to a change in the actuarial calculations for the Town's two pension funds, contributions to meet the required targets need to be increased by about \$462,000.

Stowe School being brought back into service – In FY 2016 it's expected the School building will be brought back into service as the Early Childhood Learning Center. It is anticipated that facility costs associated with staffing and utilities will add \$294,000. This will result in a school-size operation.

Mr. Coppler reviewed a FY 2016 Revenue pie chart as follows:

Taxes – 69% - \$86,876,834

Intergovernmental – 27% - \$33,689,845

Other – 2% - \$3,003,009

Fund Balance – 2% - \$1,800,000

Total is \$125,369,688 – Town is \$59,486,006 & School is \$65,883,682

1 mill = \$2,826,190

Mr. Coppler stated last year he kept the school system's general fund allotment the same but put money aside into IT. He noted this year, he put it all strictly into the school system's allotment. Chairman Kaupin requested clarification on this, and Mr. Coppler explained last year the money that went toward the School operation consisted of two different allotments. He noted there was the General Fund allotment, and traditionally the Town has been putting another amount of money to buy down the school system's contribution to IT. He stated the IT contribution by the Board of Education reflects what their contribution should be and not bought down. He noted the Town's contribution is what it should be, and the School's contribution is what it should be.

Mr. Coppler showed the Town's side of a General Fund budget breakdown. He noted the vast majority of the money spent out of the General Fund goes to Public Works. He stated the second largest amount is for Public Safety. He noted the third largest cost driver for the General Fund is transfers, i.e., transfers to the Social Services fund, EMS fund, IT fund, Capital fund, etc. He noted General Government relates to all those other areas that don't fit into a single category, i.e., Assessor, Revenue Collection, Finance, etc. He noted debt is the next largest driver, followed by retirement and development services.

Mr. Coppler then reviewed other major funds such as EMS, Social Services, Information Technology and Recreation.

He then reviewed the overall WPCA budget. He explained in the current year budget there's about \$566,000 set aside for the studies that they need to do for the facilities plan, therefore, that's not captured in the FY 2016 budget. He noted they're trying to keep the amount of spending as low as possible so they can build more money to reduce the overall cost going forward.

Mr. Coppler then reviewed the FY 2016 Capital Improvement Program as follows:

Revenues

General Fund Transfers	\$2,960,620
LOCIP	320,305
Police Outside Services	75,000
Total	\$3,355,925

Expenditures

Vehicle Replacement Plan	\$1,648,925
School Facilities Security	\$ 205,300
Parking Lot Construction	\$ 200,000
Thompsonville Village Ctr.	\$ 200,000
Repainting	
Roads 2015	\$ 500,000
Town Owned Facility	
Repairs/Improvements	\$ 335,000
Playscape Replacement	\$ 50,000
Public Works Equipment	\$ 216,700

Mr. Coppler reviewed FY 2016 Initiatives

1. The addition of a second electrician for Buildings and Grounds
2. Enhancement of services related to creating healthy families in safe vibrant communities – Addition of a part-time Parent Educator and four Social Workers.
3. Construction of parking lots for the Angelo Lamagna Activity Center and the Hazardville Institute.
4. Painting of the exterior of the Thompsonville Village Center.
5. Full funding of vehicles on the replacement schedule – does not begin build up of future funding requirements.

He stated all of this will result in a mill rate increase from 29.13 to 30.34.

Mr. Coppler stated all of the budget meetings with the Town Council and departments will be televised. He noted presentations such as was given this evening will be put onto the Town's website.

Councilor Hall referred to the health increase and questioned whether there's any way they can compare what Blue Cross and Blue Shield had for increases. Mr. Coppler stated every year they're constantly looking at costs. He noted they went with Cigna about three years ago, and they did request that their consultant look at that, and they did bring back some very interesting numbers. He stated they will be meeting in the near future to go over more information.

Mr. Coppler thanked Town staff for all the work they did with this proposed budget.

Connecticut Water Company Property

Mr. Coppler stated they have been working with the Connecticut Water Company regarding 350 Enfield Street. He noted the Town informed the water company that the Town of Enfield is no longer interested in that property. He stated the water company is putting this property on the market. He noted state statute requires the water company notify the Town they are putting the property on the market, and the Town has to sign a document indicating they are not interested in this parcel.

Councilor Arnone stated until that land is sold, they have to stay on top of the issue of blight with this parcel. He noted those ponds have been filling up with water, which attracts algae and mosquitoes, and these are health hazards.

Workers Compensation Dashboard

Mr. Coppler stated the Council has within their packets the workers compensation dashboard, which is a monthly quick look at where the Town stands with workers compensation. He stated his belief staff has been doing a great job in managing the Town's liability and safety program. He noted at this time, they're in a very good position, and hopefully it will continue that way.

Road Cut Requirements

Mr. Bilmes referred to Mullen Road and noted there's a plan to widen and stabilize four culverts this year. He noted this contract has already been awarded, and it will be done this summer. He stated the entire road is scheduled for reconstruction in 2017. He noted they're currently looking at ways to address problems on that road until 2017. He stated if they were to move this project up, they'd have to displace many other streets scheduled for 2016.

Mr. Bilmes stated lake area roads are scheduled for reconstruction this year. He noted that project is a little behind schedule, and they're trying to catch up.

As to how information comes to the Town regarding potholes, Mr. Bilmes stated that information comes to the Town in many different ways, i.e., See/Click/Fix, police reports, or people emailing or calling the Town. He noted they send out a team to address the worst areas. He stated they had three crews working different areas last week, and one crew was using the dura-patcher and the other two were using the cold patch method, which isn't that effective and is only a temporary patch. He pointed out the hot mix plants aren't scheduled to open until April.

Mr. Bilmes referred to South and Raffia Roads and noted they re-timed the traffic lights today. He noted the main problem was eastbound on South Road with a back-up past Sidor Road. He stated while he was observing traffic, no one had to wait more than one light. He noted by re-timing the signal, the current road markings appeared to keep the traffic flowing. He feels they need to wait and see what is heard from residents, and perhaps the problem has been addressed.

He stated they have an oil and battery collection on Saturday, April 18th along with a shredding event and a household hazardous waste day and a paint collection day on Saturday April 25th. He noted the textile recycling program will get started as soon as the weather permits along with a mattress recycling program which will be started this year. He stated they're also starting some new initiatives with recycling in town buildings.

Mr. Cabibbo spoke about utility road cut issues and changes in that area. He noted the Council has within their packet a sample of what's being sent out to utility companies. He stated they met with all the utilities in January to talk about this issue. He noted changes have to do with permit fees, permit bond and the standard for repairing trenches. He stated they're ready to send the letter out to the utility companies and contractors.

Mr. Bilmes stated they met with utility companies and there's no pushback. He noted what's being requested is reasonable.

Mr. Coppler stated it's believed this addresses all the issues raised in the past.

It was the consensus of the Council to go forward with this.

Mr. Nunes spoke about private drain connections from roof leaders, sump pumps and private catch basins. He noted they are seeking Council consensus on a policy moving forward.

Mr. Nunes stated this first came to light late last year during the road reconstruction project, which consisted of Ridge, Rocket Run, Bon, Eileen and part of Kimberly. He noted during those times there have only been four of these private connections that they found which dealt with roof leaders, sump pumps and catch basins. He stated it has been a past practice that if they were to put new drainage into a street, or re-do the drainage that existed and they came across a pipe that was already connected into the system,

they've always connected it back so there's no problem in the future. He pointed out this is a different circumstance.

Mr. Nunes stated there were only four such connections on Eileen Street and a portion of Kimberly Road. He stated in surveying the rest of Buckhorn, the numbers grew. He displayed a photo which showed some homeowners on Kimberly Drive day lighted their pipes right on top of the curb. He noted homeowners on Renee Lane chiseled out some of the blacktop and stuck the pipe through the curbing. He stated others actually connected their pipes directly into structures, and it appears they actually did the work themselves or through a contractor.

He stated there are nine connections that dump out on top of the ground right at the edge of the curb, over the curb or through the curb. He noted there are 14 others that connect into Town structures. He stated they may come across more when they do reconstruction.

Mr. Nunes stated they brought this to the attention of the Town Manager, who recommended going to the DPW Subcommittee, which they did on February 3, 2015. He noted the Subcommittee came up with the following recommendations:

- If there's a drainage structure located along the owner's frontage, and the homeowner does have a pipe, it will be connected into that structure.
- If there's an under drain on the street, and there isn't a structure, manhole or catch basin in front of that property, the Town will make a connection into the under drain system to get rid of the water.
- In order to complete the work, the homeowner would have to sign a right of entry that will be recordable with the Town Clerk effectively absolving the Town of any liability after the installation is done. Public Works has requested the Town Attorney assist them in drafting this letter and doing the recording.
- If the owner doesn't sign the right of entry, the only recourse would be to sever the pipe at the right-of-way line.
- The cost of the connection will be borne by the Town.

He noted based upon the last project they did, the cost was approximately \$525 per connection for up to ten feet of pipe. He stated based on 23 connections in Buckhorn, depending on their location, it could amount to an additional \$10,000 to \$20,000 to do the work.

Councilor Hall questioned if they would be setting a precedent if they're tying in sump pumps for homeowners. She noted she would like legal to look at this. Mr. Coppler stated this is only because they're opening up the street.

Councilor Hall stated she understands the need in this particular development because the Town wasn't allowed in this area to do any inspections when the road and homes were being built. However, she feels they're opening a Pandora's Box regarding a policy on this.

Councilor Mangini also voiced concern about setting a precedent with the Town absorbing the cost. She questioned what led to this issue. Mr. Nunes stated when they did the borings in this area, they had a range of one inch to five inches of blacktop, a range of three to ten inches of gravel, and they had veins of clay. He noted it may be because they have more water in certain areas and people are trying to solve their issues.

Councilor Mangini questioned if there's an excess of water, and Mr. Cabibbo stated his belief they do have high groundwater.

Councilor Edgar stated this area use to be the old Neelans Farm, and part of that project was built upon a filled-in pond, and this is what's causing drainage problems. He noted there was a court action preventing the Town from getting involved.

Councilor Arnone stated these are small lots and some are backed up by a hill, and there's nowhere for the water to go, other than people's basements. He noted this is why water is directed to the street, which causes huge ice problems. He stated the liability ends up with the Town because of the way the lots were zoned to begin with and no accommodation was made at the time for drainage for roof leaders. As concerns sump pumps, he stated there has to be a regulation where it goes into a catch basin with a check valve. He noted sump pumps can't go into a sewer, but rather a storm drain.

Councilor Deni stated his belief the plan to address this area is probably the best solution for this area, however, he is a little concerned about setting a precedent for the whole town.

Councilor Edgar raised a question about Mullen Road. He noted originally, they thought they were going to do the culverts last year, but now it's happening this year. He questioned what will be done in this area now because the road is almost impassable. Mr. Bilmes stated they met today, but they don't have a formal plan of action. He stated they will level off certain areas, and they have to wait until the hot patch plants open up and they'll come up with a plan as to what it will cost to patch this long road. He noted a lot of money wasn't budgeted for patching because they budgeted for the culvert project, which amounts to at least a half million dollars.

Councilor Edgar expressed concern about liability due to the condition of Mullen Road, and he believes something should be done now.

Mr. Bilmes stated they want to make the road passable and safe, however, they don't want to spend money when they know that road is being reconstructed in two years.

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of March 3, 2015.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTOIN #3066** adopted 10-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3067 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Stokes.

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made:

TO:	CIP		
	School Security Equipment	31008734-573900	\$639,121.88
FROM:	CIP		
	School Security Grant Revenue	31042015-413310	\$639,121.88

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of March 13, 2015.

/s/ A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

Mr. Coppler explained this is just reimbursement from the State for physical improvements to the buildings.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3067** adopted 10-0-0.

MOTION #3068 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Stokes to waive the reading of the resolution.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3068** adopted 10-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3069 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Mangini. (Copy appended) Authorize Issue & Sell TofE General Obligation Refunding Bonds

Mr. Coppler explained they are looking to refund a number of bonds not exceeding \$10.5 million dollars from previous projects. He noted this will allow them to reduce their debt servicing over the next couple years.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3069** adopted 10-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3070 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

School Readiness & Quality Enhancement Grant

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Matthew W. Coppler, is authorized to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with the Connecticut Office of Early Education and to affix the Corporate Seal.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3070** adopted 10-0-0.

RESOLUTION #3071 by Councilor Hall, seconded by Councilor Mangini.

RESOLVED, that the Town Manager, Matthew W. Coppler, is authorized to enter into and amend contractual instruments in the name and on behalf of the Town of Enfield with the Greater New Haven Transit District and to affix the Corporate Seal.

Chairman Kaupin explained they are going to Chevrolet vehicles offered by the New Haven Transit District for Enfield's small buses – Dial-A-Ride and Magic Carpet.

Upon a **ROLL-CALL** vote being taken, the Chair declared **RESOLUTION #3071** adopted 10-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no comments from the public.

COUNCILOR COMMUNICATIONS

Councilor Lee raised a question concerning streetlights. Mr. Kennedy stated the new company that does streetlight maintenance for the Town provides regular reports on the time it takes to upgrade the lights based on requests they receive. He noted there's the question about how long this is taking and are things getting done at all. He stated the company reports that of 131 requests, 71% were completed within three business days and another 30% were completed within five business days.

Councilor Lee questioned where people can find a pole number. Mr. Derrik stated the pole number is located at eye level, and he learned almost every single pole has a very visible number. He noted if someone has a hard time finding a pole number, they can use the address that pole is closest to.

Councilor Deni stated there are probably 12 lights out on Brainard Road, and there are poles without numbers. He noted Siemens is still on the website for reporting. Mr. Kennedy noted that can be fixed.

Councilor Edgar questioned how long it will take to fix the Pearl Street lighting. Mr. Coppler noted those lights are working, but they're not as bright as Councilor Edgar would like. Councilor Arnone stated dim lighting on Pearl Street isn't suitable for that area. Mr. Coppler stated there will be a transfer at the next meeting to be able to have brighter lighting.

Chairman Kaupin stated there is a light out on Washington Road at the entrance to St. Martha's Pond.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #3072 by Councilor Mangini, seconded by Councilor Deni to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW-OF-HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared **MOTION #3072** adopted 10-0-0, and the meeting stood adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

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ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

TO: Youth Services
Food and Food Related 22040450-563000 \$500
FROM: Youth Services

Misc. Contributions/Donations 22044450- 417050 \$500

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of March 3, 2015.

A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

APPROVED BY: _____ Town Manager Date: _____

ENFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS
RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLVED, that in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 8(f) of the Town Charter, the following transfer is hereby made.

TO:
4100 Social Service Administration

Other Professional Services	22046089-533900	\$ 2,225
Printing	22046089-555000	\$ 500
Copying & Reproduction	22046089-555100	\$ 400
Office Supplies	22046089-555000	\$ 200

FROM:
4100 Social Service Administration Revenue

VITA Village for Families & Children 22044001-460890 \$ 3,325

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the above-stated funds are available as of March 5, 2015.

A. Lynn Nenni, Director of Finance

APPROVED BY: _____ Town Manager Date: _____

TOWN OF ENFIELD
TOWN COUNCIL

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE, ISSUE AND SELL TOWN OF ENFIELD
GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS

Section 1. General Obligation Refunding Bonds of the Town in a principal amount not exceeding \$10,500,000 (hereinafter, the "Bonds") are hereby authorized to be issued, and the proceeds thereof appropriated, in such amount or in such lesser amount as shall be necessary to refund all or any portion of the Town's outstanding general obligation bonds, including without limitation, the Town's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Issue of 2008, dated June 15, 2008 and issued June 16, 2008 (the "Refunded Bonds").

Section 2. The Bonds shall be issued and sold in such principal amount and in such manner as shall be approved by the Town Manager and Director of Finance. The Town Manager and Director of Finance are authorized to determine the Refunded Bonds to be redeemed and the amount, date, interest rates, maturities (provided that no Bonds shall mature later than the final maturity date of the last maturity of the Refunded Bonds), redemption provisions, form and other details of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be sold on a competitive or negotiated basis and if sold on a negotiated basis, the Town Manager and Director of Finance are authorized to execute a bond purchase contract or similar agreement for the sale of the Bonds. The Bonds shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Town Manager and Director of Finance, bear the Town seal or facsimile thereof, and be approved as to their legality by Shipman & Goodwin LLP, bond counsel to the Town. The Bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the Bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon.

Section 3. The net proceeds from the sale of the Bonds, after payment of underwriter's discount and other costs of issuance, may be deposited in an irrevocable escrow account and invested in a portfolio of non-callable direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America, including United States Treasury State and Local Government Series ("SLGS") securities, Federal National Mortgage Association ("FNMA") securities and any other securities permitted by Section 7-400 of the Connecticut General Statutes, all of which shall not be callable or prepayable at the option of the issuer thereof ("Government Obligations") in an amount sufficient to pay at maturity, or to redeem at the redemption price prior to maturity, the Refunded Bonds. The Town Manager and Director of Finance are authorized to appoint

an escrow agent and a firm of certified public accountants to verify the sufficiency of the Government Obligations and to execute and deliver any and all escrow and related agreements necessary to provide for the payment when due of the principal of and interest on and the redemption premium, if any, on the Refunded Bonds.

Section 4. The Town Manager and Director of Finance are authorized to prepare and distribute a Preliminary Official Statement and a final Official Statement of the Town for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds and are further authorized to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Agreement in connection with the issuance and sale of the Bonds on behalf of the Town in such form as they shall deem necessary and appropriate.

Section 5. The Town Manager and Director of Finance are authorized to execute and deliver a Tax Certificate and a Tax Compliance Agreement for the Bonds on behalf of the Town in such form as they shall deem necessary and appropriate, and to rebate to the United States Treasury such amounts as may be required pursuant to the Tax Certificate and Tax Compliance Agreement for the purpose of complying with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Section 6. That the Bonds, or any portion thereof, may bear interest which is includable in the gross income of holders thereof for Federal income tax purposes pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, as the issuance of such taxable bonds is hereby determined to be in the public interest.

Section 7. The Town Manager and Director of Finance are authorized to appoint a certifying, transfer and paying agent and a registrar for the Bonds; and to execute and deliver any and all additional agreements, documents and certificates necessary to effect the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds and the refunding of the Refunded Bonds in accordance with the terms of this resolution.